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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: DUARTE STATUE IN NEW
YORK

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 2572

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER DESCRIBED
REFTEL, I PROVIDED HIM A PROGRESS REPORT CONCERNING THE
INSTALLATION OF A STATUE OF DUARTE IN NEW YORK CITY. AS
DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, THE UNVEILING OF THIS STATUE MAY
BE TIED TO A VISIT BY BALAGUER TO NEW YORK FOR THAT
PURPOSE.

2. I INFORMED BALAGUER THAT THE NEW YORK CITY BUREAUCRATIC
WEB SURROUNDING THE STATUE WAS BEING SLOWLY SWEEP AWAY.
THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON JUNE 10
WITH THIS ITEM IN ITS AGENDA AND THE OUTLOOK WAS VERY
FAVORABLE FOR APPROVAL. THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO HAVE
THE PARKS COMMISSION ARRANGE WITH THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY
IN NEW YORK FOR LANDSCAPING AND INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUE. BASED UPON PAST EXPERIENCE
WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE STATUE, I DOUBTED THAT IT
WOULD BE PRUDENT TO COUNT UPON UNVEILING PRIOR TO
AUGUST 1. I UNDERTOOK TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF PROGRESS.
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BALAGUER DID NOT COMMENT.

3. COMMENT: IN A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH BALAGUER'S PRIVATE
SECRETARY, BELLO ANDINO, HE INFORMED ME THAT IF BALAGUER
WENT TO NEW YORK, IT WOULD BE FOR POLITICAL REASONS
INVOLVING THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY AND NOT, RPT NOT, FOR
HEALTH REASONS. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN

BALAGUER'S GOING TO NEW YORK PRIOR TO JULY 16 WHICH FORNLLY
MARKED THE END OF THE "ANO DE DUARTE," HE SAID. OTHERWISE,
UNVEILING THE STATUE AFTER JULY 16 MIGHT MAKE HIS PRESENCE
AWKWARD. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS CONVERSATION, I
THINK THAT THE CHANCES OF BALAGUER'S GOING TO NEW YORK
ARE LESS THAN EVEN. IN ANY EVENT, I SHALL KEEP DEPARTMENT
INFORMED.
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